

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 1150.171

then remit any amount due the Board by the next date for remitting assessments as provided in §1150.152. Overpayments shall be credited to the account of the person remitting the overpayment and shall be applied against amounts due in succeeding months.

### § 1150.156 Charges and penalties.

(a) *Late-payment charge.* Any unpaid assessments to the Board pursuant to §1150.152 shall be increased 1.5 percent each month beginning with the day following the date such assessments were due. Any remaining amount due, which shall include any unpaid charges previously made pursuant to this section, shall be increased at the same rate on the corresponding day of each month thereafter until paid. For the purpose of this section, any assessment that was determined at a date later than prescribed by this subpart because of a person's failure to submit a report to the Board when due shall be considered to have been payable by the date it would have been due if the report had been filed when due. The timeliness of a payment to the Board shall be based on the applicable postmark date or the date actually received by the Board, whichever is earlier.

(b) *Penalties.* Any person who willfully violates any provision of this subpart shall be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of not more than \$1,000 for each such violation and, in the case of a willful failure to pay, collect, or remit the assessment as required by this subpart, in addition to the amount due, a penalty equal to the amount of the assessment on the quantity of milk as to which the failure applies. The amount of any such penalty shall accrue to the United States and may be recovered in a civil suit brought by the United States. The remedies provided in this section shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, other remedies that may be available by law or in equity.

#### PROMOTION, RESEARCH AND NUTRITION EDUCATION

### § 1150.161 Promotion, research and nutrition education.

(a) The Board shall receive and evaluate, or on its own initiative develop,

and submit to the Secretary for approval any plans or projects authorized in §§1150.139, 1150.140 and this section. Such plans or projects shall provide for:

(1) The establishment, issuance, effectuation, and administration of appropriate plans or projects for promotion, research and nutrition education with respect to milk and dairy products; and

(2) The establishment and conduct of research and studies with respect to the sale, distribution, marketing and utilization of milk and dairy products and the creation of new products thereof, to the end that marketing and utilization of milk and dairy products may be encouraged, expanded, improved or made more acceptable. Included shall be research and studies of proposals intended to increase the use of fluid milk and dairy products by the military and by persons in developing nations and proposals intended to demonstrate the feasibility of converting nonfat dry milk to casein for domestic and export use.

(b) Each plan or project authorized under §1150.161(a) shall be periodically reviewed or evaluated by the Board to insure that the plan or project contributes to an effective program of promotion, research and nutrition education. If it is found by the Board that any such plan or project does not further the purposes of the Act, the Board shall terminate such plan or project.

(c) No plan or project authorized under §1150.161(a) shall make use of unfair or deceptive acts or practices with respect to the quality, value or use of any competing product.

#### REPORTS, BOOKS AND RECORDS

### § 1150.171 Reports.

Each producer marketing milk of that producer's own production directly to consumers and each person making payment to producers and responsible for the collection of the assessment under §1150.152 shall be required to report at the time for remitting assessments to the Board such information as may be required by the Board or by the Secretary. Such information may include but not be limited to the following: